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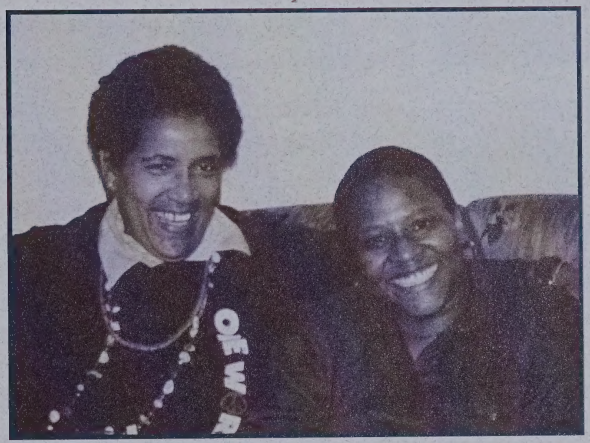

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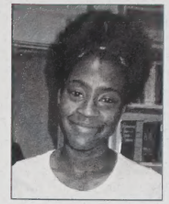

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The Mary Anne Adams Award: Adams serves as ZAMI's Executive Director and is the founder of the Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund. In 1999, she founded Sister Outsider, a multi-cultured Atlanta based organization, with a focus on lesbians and aging issues. In 2000, Adams founded Madam Productions as a way to foster community through musical and literary expression. Adams grew up in Oxford, Mississippi and recently received her Master of Social Work.

The Kelley D. Alexander Award: A native of Wisconsin, Alexander studied English Literature and Philosophy at Beloit College. She is the founder and publisher of InnerLight Publishing, whose mission is to take on sublime projects that move, encourage, and inspire by way of a unique ability to bring inner-visions into physical form. Recently, Alexander teamed with poet Nikky Finney to publish her third collection of poetry entitled, *The World is Round.*

The Edith E. Biggers Award: Dr. Biggers is a public health physician who delivers compassionate and state-of-the-art medical care to indigent, uninsured, underserved, and substance using HIV positive patients with an emphasis on maximizing self-empowerment through education. Dr. Biggers, a native of Atlanta, Georgia received her medical degree from Emory University.

The Sheryl Burke Award: Burke is a Personal Injury Attorney who operates her own law practices based in Georgia and California. Burke, a native of Los Angeles, California is a graduate of St. Louis University Law School and is a member of the National and Georgia Trial Lawyers' Association. Burke makes her home in Atlanta and is involved in supporting many local organizations including camps, scholarship funds, churches and educational groups. Burke writes and reads poetry in her spare time.

The Cherie Caldwell Award: Caldwell is an expert in the supervision and management of employee relations, training and development, with more than 15 years of human resource management experience. Caldwell is currently employed as the Director of Human Resources for a flight attendant group of 19,000 employees. She is a member of the Atlanta Chapter of the Human Rights Campaign.

The Joan P. Garner Award: Garner is the first Executive Director of the Atlanta–based Southern Partners Fund, whose mission is to fund and build the capacity of community-based organizations and leaders committed to advancing social, economic and environmental justice across an 11-state region in the rural south. Garner, a native of Washington, D.C., has a long history of involvement in social change philanthropy.

The Sha' Mendon Award: Mendon, a native of Nashville, Tennessee, received a degree in Business Administration from Austin Peay University with a focus on marketing. She currently serves as Chief Operating Officer for an Atlanta IT firm. Mendon is the founder of Kings Crossing Publishing and recently published *Body Language* by C.C. Carter and *Resurrection: A Collection of Work* by Robin G. White.

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The Audre Lorde Scholarship Fund is the brainchild of ZAMI's current Executive Director, Mary Anne Adams. The first two scholarships were awarded in 1997 to Wendi O'Neal from Spelman College and Akeya Works from Georgia State University. Our 34 Audre Lorde Scholars, from past and present, are Simone Bell, Spenser Dennis, Maya Rodgers, Sharon Jackson, Donna Hope, Virginia Hunt, Barbara Gibson, Efia Miles, Debra Collette Strother, Nina Wilson, Kalita Settle, Barbara Jackson, Maisha Peterson, Jessica Jones, Melissa Gordon, Jonathan J. Jones, Leslie Johnson, Abigail Sewell, Taquelia Washington, Alicia Skillman, Melissa Crosby, Beatrice Sullivan, Donna C. Owens, and Charles Stephens. Akeya Works, Nina Wilson and Simone Bell are multiple awardees, receiving two and four ZAMI scholarships, respectively.

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